REPUBLICAN LEADERS AND DELEGATES ARE GATHERING AT PHILADELPHIA.

People Take Mr. McKinley's Renomination and the Platform as Entirely Matters of Routine.

ROOSEVELT'S ARRIVAL IS GREETED WITH CHEERS.

He Again Declares That He Will Not Take Second Place-Boom Started for Irving Scott of California.

BY JAMES CREELMAN.

Philadelphia, June 16.-Everything is at sea in Philadelphia so far as the vice presidency is concerned. Every train is bringing crowds of delegates into the city, and the roar of voices grows louder. But still there is no settlement of the great question in

of Mr. Bliss, and Mr. Bliss says, but not very sternly, that Irving M. Scott is to be boomed as the man who built the Oregon and Olympia. Scores of telegrams rained on Hanna, urging Scott's nomination. Southern delegates have been appealed to on the ground that Scott is a Southern man. Mr. Platt says that he is not opposed to Mr. Bliss if Mr. Bliss really wants the nom-

Mr. Woodruff's friends have become serious. They are so impressed with the strength of his following that they can hardly smile, but everybody regards the Woodruff idea as a loke.

Governor Roosevelt is here, and he says that he will not permit his name to be used in the convention, and that if any at-tempt is made to nominate him he will rise and put an effectual stop to it. The Governor is in carnest. No man who heard him speak to-night can doubt that he will refuse the nomination in the convention in such a manner as to end Mr. Platt's at-tempt to remove him from New York State

Mr. Dolliver's friends are working hard but Mr. Hanna is not friendly to Mr. Dol-

It is said that Irving M. Scott of California, "the man who built the Oregon and Olympia," is growing in strength. Telegrams are pouring in to Mr. Hanna from all parts of the country, urging Mr. Scott's nomination, It is also said that Mr. Hanna and Mr. McKinley a few weeks ago tried to get Mr. Scott to be the administration candidate for Vice President. There is the situation as it stands to-night

Crowds Without Enthusiasm. The crowds are listless and without enthusiasm. Mr. McKinley's name is seldom

candidate for re-election, but had to stand

citing that came before the committee, and its consideration consumed nearly twelve

The contests for delegates-at-large in all

districts excepting the Sixth were decided.

The Sixth, involving Reub Freedman of

Corsicana and B. R. Bluitt of Dallas and

Eugene Marshall and W. E. King, contest-

The negro delegate-at-large, W. M. ("Gooseneck Bill") McDonald of Terrell,

Green's political manager, was thrown out,

and C. M. Ferguson, the Hawley contestant, was seated. This gives Hawley three dele-

gates-at-large-himself, M. M. Rogers of La Grange and Ferguson.

The temporary roll of the convention will

E. H. R. Green, R. B. Hawley, M. M.

Walter Burns and J. Atkins (both Hawley

C. W. Burkitt of Palestine (Green), Wm.

C. C. Flanagan, Henderson; U. G. Roach,

J. A. Blackwell, Cooper (Hawley); H. G. Coree, Atlanta (Green).

G. A. Knight, Belcherville (Hawley); W. H. Love, McKinney (Green).

Referred to Credentials Committee. Seventh District: C. A. Boynton and G. W. Sledge (Hawley).

W. C. Forbes and Henry Harris (Green).

J. C. Hornberger and J. T. Harris (Green).

H. C. Heilig and H. C. Ferguson (Hawley).

Eleventh District; C. G. Brewster and D. Abner, Jr. (Haw-

Tweith District.
C. C. Burke and W. G. Robinson (Hawley).
Thirteenth District:
J. G. Lowden (Green) and C. K. McDow-

eli (Hawley).

This gives Hawley nineteen of the thirty votes in the delegation for member of the

Hawley Men Elated. The present committeeman, Doctor Grant

wanted to succeed himself and hoped that in the sharp fight between Green and Haw-

ley that would be the outcome. Hawley's victory was assured after the decision last night to throw out a number of Green dele-

ever, the Hawley men were as excited as

Texas steers stampeded. They rushed into the Congressman's rooms, and were vocif-erous in their congratulations. They assert that it marks the end of Green in Texas politics. He has stated that he wanted to be one of the National Committee or noth-

gates in the contested districts.

Texas Delegates.

include the following Texans:

Rogers and C. M. Ferguson.

Sanders, Nacogdoches (Hawley).

Delegates-at-large:

Second District:

Third District:

Fourth District:

Fifth District:

Sixth District:

Eighth District:

ley). Twelfth District:

National Committee.

ants, goes to the Credentials Committee.

HAWLEY DEFEATS GREEN.

Task-Green's Campaign Contributions.

or never heard. It is all Hanna. He is the master of the scene. He inspires and guides everything. The roaring of the crowd is the roaring of aimless conversation. There is no cheering, no whooping, no old-time

fiery fighting and yelling.

The only note of enthusiasm to-day wa sounded when Governor Roosevelt walked into the Walton House with Mr. Platt and Mr. Odell. The crowd clapped its hands. The Governor touched the brim of his binck shough hat with his fingers and showed his teeth amiably. Then the Governor went to his room, and said once mor to be nominated. The crowd again settled down to its dull, lifeless chatter. To-night there is a banquet at the Union League Club, a feast in honor of Mr. Han-

na, and all the leaders are there to do him

There is a general impression that the There is a general impression that the candidate for Vice President must be cho-sen from New York State, and that Mr. Hanna will in the end be forced to ask President McKinley to Intervene, for Mr. Platt is not a very harmonious person just

Mr. Platt talks about Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Odell and General Greene, and every-body knows that he has not the faintest idea of seriously supporting any one of these candidates.

Mr. Platt wants to force the nomination on Governor Roosevelt, and Governor Roosevelt is determined that he will succoesd himself as Governor of New York in spite of Mr. Platt. It is not improbable that, if Mr. Platt becomes satisfied he can-not kill off Governor Roosevelt, he will ac-cept the inevitable and yield to Mr. Hanna. Meanwhile the movements of the Repub-lican party can be summed up in a careful chronic of Mr. Hanna, deltage from head chronicle of Mr. Hanna's doings from hou

This promises to be the deadest Republican National Convention that has been held since the party was founded. There is no enthusiasm, even about the issues. No one speaks of Porto Rico or the Philippines No one talks about the trusts. No one boasts of Mr. McKinley's record. The dele-gates have been drawn here by the sheer force of routine.

SING OF ROOSEVELT'S VALOR.

Latest Song Threatens to Stampede

the Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

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Philadelphia, June 16.—That New Yorkers are preparing for a possible stampede of the country to Roosevelt was made manifest to-day, when copies of a song were circulated, entitled "Bill and Tediy." It was sung by a quartet at the Hotel Lafayette late last night, and has been gaining popularity all day.

Among those who sing it particularly well are Secretary George R. Manchester, Sergeant-at-Arms Bodine and Deputy Goodachre of the Republican County Committee. Here are the verses:

A nation's gift to a party's cause is a story that's soon told:
She had two sons, two noble ones, Each worth his weight in gold.
She gave them up at the country's call To battle for the right.
For well she knew
They had both proved true.
In another hard-fought fight.

CHORUS.

One steered us through to victory down in Wash

The North and Seems of the North and Teddy, the Blue and the Gray.

CHORUS.

Hail the name of Bill McKinley, in trouble al-

Ways calm; Hail Rough Rider Teddy Roosevelt, the hero of San Juan; Up in Maine or down in Dixte, forever and for

Honors due to Bill and Teddy from the Blue and Uray.

A DECORATED DELEGATE.

Myers of Texas Proves That He Is Alive.

Alive.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Philadelphia, June 16.—Delegate J. A. Myers of Texas is rotund of body and jolly of face and wears a flaming red necktie. In addition to this he wears a soft, slouch hat with an American flag wound around it. In all the throng of big men and little that drift up or down the Walton corridor, he is the most observed. For he is the only man who has seen fit to decorate himself—and he seems proud of the distinction. "You know Texas is Democratic." he said, "and everybody knows its Democratic. And I just put this American flag around my hat to show the people that all the Republicans are not dead in my State—and I'm one of them and am very much alive." And Texas is a corking fine State let me."

alive.
"And Texas is a corking fine State, let me add, and don't you let any one forget it."

SENATOR THURSTON'S STORY.

Second Place Muddle Recalls a

Chaplain's Prayer.

Our cause is just, so win we must.
For our platform's good and firm,
Expansion and protection, too,
With an honest metal coin,
And on it stands a worthy men,
And his worthy partner, too;
If in time of war,
They were in the fore,
In times of peace they'll do.

other proved himself a hero at the Battle of San Juan;

San Juan; arth and South then fought together, and



Hanna: "Ah! Have you the vice presidential strawberry mark on vour left arm?"

Platt: "Y-e-e-s! Have you?"

Hanna: "Y-e-e-s!"

Platt: "Then we are deadly enemies."

CONTESTS FULL OF DANGER.

Due Mainly to the Audacity of Federal Officeholders in the South.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT Philadelphia, June 16.-When the Republican National Committee began its ses-sions at Walton Hotel Wednesday, it expected to dispose of the thirty-five contested districts within twenty-four hours at the Texas's Republican Congressman Has an Easy outside. It has had great difficulty in deciding these cases before the opening of the convention. Only by all-night sessions was it able to dispose of Texas before Sun-

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
Philadelphia, Pa., June 16.—It was nearly 6 o'clock this evening when the National Republican Committee disposed of the Texas contests. This they did by throwing out enough Green delegates to insure the election of Congressman Hawley to the National Committee. He will succeed John Grant of the Southern District, who was a candidate for re-election, but had to stand

Accustomed to using their offices for politial Committee after a logarimenths ago.

Green will take time to decide whether he will appeal to the Credentials Committee. His delegates are urging him to do so, but there is little prospect of that committee deciding against Hawley, the only Republican representative from Texas.

W. S. DANIELS. cal purposes, these leaders found the limit had been passed by the McKinley delegates in the South. They voted almost manimously to throw out all of the Alabama contestants, and let the Credentials Committee of the convention pass Judg-

ment upon them.

The National Committee was notified. nowever, by Representative Sherman of New York, who is slated for chairman of the Credentials Committee, that it would be impossible to dispose of all the matters submitted before the close of the convention. Mr. Sherman urged that wherever possible the contestants should reach a ompromise, as the only means of avoid-

ng many unrepresented districts in the National Committeeman Youngblood, who holds a fat office under McKinley, seconded this request. The action of the National Committee has been a knockout for him. He and his men set to work and with the Vaughan faction opposed to Youngblood, secured a compromise in three of the con-tested districts.

On the delegates-at-large no agreement could be reached. To-day, therefore, the National Committee reviewed the Alabama case, and, the warring factions consenting, decided to put upon the temporary roll ad-ditional delegates, which will make the

State's representation in the tempotary or-ganization as follows: Albama's Representation. Delegates-at-large and the Third and Fifth districts to be settled by the Creden-

tials Committee. First District-P. T. Barker and J. T. Peterson (Bingham or Youngblood men). Second District—J. W. Dimick and Percy Morris (one Bingham, one Vaughan). Fourth District-W. F. Aldrich and C. S. Smith (Vaughan). Sixth District-P. M. Long and T. B. Mor-

Seventh District-F. H. Lathrop and J. T. Ezell (Bingham). Eighth District-H. V. Cashin and F Arndt (Bingham).

Ninth District J. W. Hughes and A. Wimbs (Vaughan).
The action taken to-day makes the delegation eight to seven in favor of Youngblood for National Committeeman and Bingham for State Chairman, with eight delegates

yet undecided. Of these Youngblood as-serted that he can get sufficient to insure his re-election, but the Vaughan men are equally confident of beating him. Since Wednesday, when his colleagues threw him down so forcibly, Youngblood has been working with them for a reconsideration of Alabama. No Investigation Wanted.

Hanna gave him a helping hand to-day for the purpose of sidetracking Payne's res-olution calling on the President to investiolution calling on the President to investi-gate the corruption in politics of his Fed-eral appointees in Alabama. Not being an officeholder himself, and inclined to decent methods, Payne has tried to press his reso-lution upon the committee, but he has never met with persistent opposition from Chairman Hanna and Secretary Dick of Ohio. With the aid of such Federal offi-cials as Clayton of Arkansas Grant of Tex-es, Cy Leland of Kansas and Wimberly of Louistans, they have held the committee from seriously considering the Payne prop-osition.

asition.

Hanna says that with the Cuban postal fraud and other like investigations the President has enough to worry about, and it is asking too much of him to inquire into the doings of Federal appointees in the Bouth.

Payne insists, however, that, with McKinley's renomination assured and in no way
involved by the make-up of the coming
convention, this is an exceptionally good
time to propose reforms in Southern Republican methods. He threatens to bring on
discussion of this in the convention, and
also to force an expression upon his plan
to reduce the number of delegates from the
Southern States.

Louisians Changes.

The victory of Warmouth in Louisiana

little doubt that he will lose his office as Collector at the expiration of his term in the event of McKinley's re-election.

Mark Hanna made a strong fight for Wimberly's delegates-at-large, but could not hold the committee. They voted against Hanna by a large majority. Hanna's affection for Wimberly is of long standing. When Wimberly's name was before the Senate Committee on Commerce for confirmation as Collector at New Orleans, Hanna spent hours in the committee-room urging Republican Senators to disregard serious charges filed against Wimberly and vote for confirmation, because of the Louisiana delegates whom Wimberly and Henry Demas had delivered to McKinley in 1886. Senator vest is a member of the committee. Hanna's conduct became so officious that at length the Missouri Senator called the matter to the attention of the chairman of the committee, who cautioned Hanna not to interfere further.

The Ohio boss tried again to hold up the National Committee gainst Warmouth, but after Wimberly had made his speech they were in a majority against him. Their notion puts Warmouth well in the lead in his party in Louisiana, and the change will be welcomed by lovers of decency in politics.

party in Louisiana, and the change will be welcomed by lovers of decency in politics. Tennessee Decision Costly. Tennessee Decision Costly.

The echoes of the Tennessee fight are heard in all the hotel corridors. The summary turning down of Pension Commissioner Evans, according to the best estimates, will cost the Republicans a Representative in Brownlow's district, and give Representative Gibson, who fought Evans, a close shave for re-election if it does not beat him.

Evans takes his defeat greatly to heart, as he believes the matter was settled not on the merits of the contest, but for the purpose of repudiating him in a public way, to curry favor with a horde of disappointed applicants for pensions.

Committee Reports Decisive.

Wimberly will carry the fight before the Credentials Committee, and to-night says the matter is very far from being settled. The Credentials Committee, however, under Chairman Sherman will give little time to contests where there is no chance of affecting a gain in congressional districts. Sherman is a member of the Congressional Committee, and the decisions he will render upon delegates will be governed largely by their bearings upon the fall campaign for Congress. Committee Reports Decisive.

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The Republican managers are alive to the importance of saving every district in the South, and the time given to contestants by the Credentials Committee under Sharman will be very short, excepting where a member of the House is directly involved.

Delaware Decision a Draw.

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The Delaware case was then taken up and disposed of in accordance with the recommendation of the subcommittee. Mr. Cummins presented the report of the subcommittee, saying that it had been found impossible to secure an agreement from both sides to the controversy, and that the subcommittee had concluded to recommend that neither the Dupont nor the Addicks delegation should be given a place on the temporary roll of the convention.

Committeeman Thompson, representing Delaware on the National Committee was then asked to make a statement. He responded briefly to the effect that the statement which had gone abroad that the regular Delaware Republicans were disloyawas not founded on fact and that whether given seats in the convention or not they would support its nominees. They were also willing, he said, to act jointly on the Legislature ticket, but they would insist upon being left alone in the management of county affairs and of their party organization.

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being left alone in the management of county affairs and of their party organization.

Senator Hanna made a brief statement in support of the report of the subcommittee. He said that an effort had been made to get the Dupont delegation to agree to a compromise, but they had refused to agree to this proposition. He did not believe in surrendering everything to them. Hence he thought the best course to pursue was to leave both delegations off the roll call and out of the convention.

The committee report was adopted without further debate and without division. The result is that the whole case is referred to the convention with the understanding that the Committee on Credentials will deal with it, making such recommendation in the case as it may see fit.

The Delaware representation was thus eliminated from the temporary roll, according to the method which was adopted at the beginning of the committee's session in the case of Alabama.

The committee then, at 6.40 p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock next Monday. It is understood that the Alabama agreement will then be ratified.

W. S. DANIELS.

CONFERENCE PLANNED. Political Social Affair to Put Pres sure on Bliss.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Philadeiphia, June 16.—An important political conference will take place to-morrow under the guise of a social affair in the vicinity of Haverford, at which Clement A. Griscom of the International Navigation Company and President A. J. Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Rallroad system will act as hosts. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

mer Secretary of the Interior Bliss. Gov-or Rocsevelt may be invited, is understood that at this time a last ort will be made to induce Mr. Bliss to ept the nomination for the vice presi-

ROOSEVELT'S OVATION. He Still Fears a Stampede Will Be

REPURIC SPECIAL.

Philadelphia, June 16.—Cheers and Rough Rider shricks at that were heard this evening in the convention city for the first time since the delegates began to arrive. They greeted Governor Rooseveit as he pranced into Hotel Walton, along with Senators Platt, Depew, Chairman Odell and General Greene.

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Whereas a pail appeared to have pervailed the hotel corridors earlier in the evening, on the appearance of the Empire State Governor the lobby resounded with whoops and somebody started the crowd to singing, "There'll be a hot time in the old town to-night."

Roosevelt blushed, doffed his hat and bowed his acknowledgments as he recognized the tune played after the charge up San Juan Hill.

Just as the Governor was about to register, General Charles H. Grosvenor, President McKinley's spokesman in the House of Representatives, rushed up and grasped his hand most fervently and exclaimed: "Helio, Governor. How are you?"

"Bully, General," replied the Governor, as he scratched his name on the book and then hastened upstairs with his companions.

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A Republic reporter saw the Governor seen after he reached his room, and alluded to the ovation he had received below, in connection with the renewed talk about stampeding the convention for him as a vice presidential candidate.

"I do not helieve any such movement is now on foot," the Governor said. "My decision not to run is irrevocable, as I have told you repeatedly. That vice presidential hird is a dead cock in the pit, so far as I am concerned. That is all I will say for quotation."

quotation."
The Governor is said to have received the most positive assurances from Platt, Depew and Odell that the New York delegation will not lead and stampede for him. But the Governor is, nevertheless, much worried lest the storm breaks out in some other State. Should it do so, he assured callers to-night, he would get up and most peremptorily decline.

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The Governor, accompanied by Senator Depew, joined Senator Hanna at the Union League Club dinner in the latter's honor to-nisht. Senator Platt was compelled to decline an invitation because of a slight attack of lumbago. Coming on from New York the Senator sat in a draft, and his old ailment quickly asserted itself. His evening was spent at the Walton listening to recitals by National Committeeman Gibbs, County Chairman Quigg, Licutenant Governor Woodruff and others of what had happened since their arrival here.

Woodruff ideaded hard that the Senator should help him to resent the Hanna attack upon him by directing the New York delegation to pledge liself to his nomination for the vice presidency. The Senator, in a fatherly way told Woodruff he must wait and see what strength he could develop in the New York delegation's caucus.

DOLLIVER ARRIVES.

Hill of Connecticut Declares for the Iowan.

Philadelphia, June 16.—Representative Dolliver, the Iowa candidate, arrived this afternoon. The Iowa delegation is here and has decided to present Dolliver's name. Lafayette Young, editor of the Des Moines Capitel, has been selected to make the nominating speech.

Mr. Dolliver is not talking. He says that his position is such that it does not justify him in saying anything further than that he is gratified at the cordulity with which his friends assure him of their sup-

which his friends assure him of their support.

Mr. Burton, who heads the Kansas delegation, says that the suggestion of Dolliver
has been well received in that State.

Representative Hill of Connecticut, one
of the earnest Dolliver workers, said tonight: "Four years ago the presidential
ticket had ninety-five majority in the Electoral College, If we lose any it will be the
twenty votes in Maryland and Kentucky.
Where will the buik of the votes come from
to make up this loss if it should occur?
There are three in Wyoming, four in South
Dakota, ten in Kansas and four in Washington, and Dolliver is the man most likely
to have an influence on these States as a
candidate for Vice President. We should
take a man from west of the Mississippi.
We do not need any one to carry States
in the East. New York is absolutely safe
if Bryan is nominated, and so we should
look to the West if we want to strengthen
the ticket."

TEMPORARY OFFICERS.

Formal Announcement of Wolcott's Selection as Chairman.

officers of the National Convention, as follows:
Temporary chairman of the convention—Senator E. O. Wolcott, Colorado.
Temporary secretary—Charles W. Johnson, Minnesota.
Assistant secretaries—John R. Malley, Ohio; John R. Beam, New Jersey, Lucien Gray, Illinois; Gardner P. Stickney, Wisconsin; James F. Burke, Pennsylvania; W. B. Bouchman, Tennessee; Warren Eigler, Indiana; John Q. Royce, Kansas; F. S. Gaylord, Connecticut.
Reading cierks—Dennis E. Alward of Michigan and F. L. Lampson of Ohio (reading creks of the House of Representatives). Clerk at President's desk—Asher C. Kinds, Maine.
Official reporter—M. W. Blumenburg, District of Columbia, reporter of the Senate.
Tally clerks—J. Herbert Potts, New Jersey; George R. Butlin, Nebraska.

Lack of Excitement in the Quaker City Is Attributed to the Republican Leaders' Unanimity of Purpose.

THE ADMINISTRATION IN CONTROL FRIENDS

Everything Is Mapped Out But the Vice Presidential Nomination—The Situation as Yiewed by a Republican Senator.

BY SENATOR JOHN M. THURSTON. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Philadelphia, Pa., June 16.--It is Saturday in Philadelphia. The Republican National Convention will be called to order at noon on Tuesday, and yet Philadelphia is in a state of "innocuous desuctude," and the strangers in her gates would not know that mything exciting was in contemplation. So far there are no marching clubs, no banners, no badges and no hurrah. To the old-time onvention habitue there seems to be noth-

And yet the explanation is easy. For the first time in the history of the Republican party there is no contest; no difference; no protest. United Republicans makes a National Convention a tame affar. National prosperity, universal industry, world-wide glory, expanding boundaries and American pride all unite in the indersement of the stand for his unanimous nomination. The party of the whole country is united and organization of the party all its elements agree upon a presidential nomination.

oln was renominated in 1864; Grant in 1872; Harrison in 1892-but not without much opposition from rank and file of the party. Lincoln was engaged in the prosecution of a war for the Union, and a general patriotism swept aside all who criticised his administration. Grant had the support of the powerful politicians, by whom he was surrounded and beloved. Harrison forced a renomination through the powers of patronage, against the real wishes of the rank and file of his party. McKinley has the universal approval of all classes, and will be the candidate of a united and Fighting for Patronage.

The only interest that attracts attention is in the decision of contests by the Na-tional Committee on contested cases and in the selection of a vice presidential candi-

Southern States, in which there is no possibility of Republican electoral votes.

Federal control of patronage is at the bottom of them all. Who shall have the patronage? That is the question. That is always the question in such contests, Patronage is the bane of our system—a weakronage is the bane of our system—a weak-ness, not a strength, to the administration. Some of us old-time onlookers are in-tensely interested in seeing the old mem-bers of the National Committee assembled to decide contests. Chairman Hanna takes no part. He is not a member of the com-mittee, except as chairman, and has no vote.

Perhaps the most interesting figure in the committee is General Powell Clayton of Arkansas. Long, lean, nervous, alert and keen, he is the best representative of real Republicanism in the South. Arkansas, under his leadership, has never had a contest. If every Southern State had as good and honest a leader the party would not be troubled by contests.

Then we turn to Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin, the real lieutenant of Mark Hanna in conducting the campaign. Payne is a would not be.

Then we turn to Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin, the real lieutenant of Mark Hanna in conducting the campaign. Fayne is a business man. All who come in contact with him recognize him as a man who stands at all times for the best there is in the party. Payne has strengthened himself greatly in the opinion of his associates by his incisive arraignment of the officeholding brigade from the South, where they are engaged in forcing themselves on the party as delegates to the National Convention, regardless of the injury they are inflicting on the administration they hold office under.

Stalwart, fat, good-natured Sam Fessenden, Joe Manley, the trusted lieutenant of the late lamented Blaine; Senator Kean of New Jersey, one of the best representatives of the young element of the party; Verkes, the eloquent Kentucky leader; Cummings of lowa, Scott of West Virginia, and others as well-known, make up the backbone of a national committee before which a contest must depend upon its real merits and from which a wholesome justice is almost certain.

Contest for Second Place.

The next matter which attracts general attention is the candidate for Vice Presi-All Republicans are so united in support of the administration that they really are waiting to know the wishes of the President as to his associate on the ticket. If such intimation comes, all will acquiesce. So far, all is in doubt. The general impression is that McKinley would be pleased with Ellss of New York. There is great force in the selection of a New York man.

pleased with Bliss of New York. There is great force in the selection of a New York man.

As goes "the Empire State," so goes the Union, is the general proposition, but Bliss was a McKinley delegate four years ago. He was the center of a contest in his State against the machine with Senator Platt at its head.

All Republicans feel that the Republican organization of New York is entitled to great consideration. Machine is only another name for organization. Without perfect organization and able leadership, the party in a close State cannot win.

Senator Platt is an able and astute leader. He was not for McKinley in 1896, but he stands for the party in the great pivotal State. His views are entitled to great weight. If he were to say "Bliss." It would be Bliss, Will he say it? I hope he will.

Mr. Bliss is a well known national character. He represents and is admired by the great business interests of the East. He is a successful man. No one can point to anything not reliable in his business career. As Secretary of Interior, in charge of vast Western interests administered by the Interior Department, he won the consideration and admiration of every Western public man.

I do not think there is an Eastern man of the would be so strong in the West as Cornelius N. Bliss.

But—what does Platt say? is the universal inquiry. The party will not take a New York man unless he is presented by a united delegation.

If Bliss is not to be the candidate, who next? I think Fairbanks. He is from a

Fairbanks Next to Bliss.

If Bliss is not to be the candidate, who next? I think Fairbanks, He is from a State, which is a great battle ground, and next to New York is always looked upon as pivotal. Fairbanks is close to the President. He was temporary chairman of the convention that nominated McKinley, and was selected for the position by the suggestion of the President himself.

He is a man of mature years, and successful in professional and business life. He would satisfy both East and West, Therefore, I think Fairbanks stands the best chance of nomination.

Poor Mark Hanna. Mark Hanna is the most conspicious fig-ure in Philadelphia. The close and trusted friend of the President and the successful manager of the last campaign, he is the observed of all observers. No man in the country has been more maligned and mis-tudged.

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Commonly known as a party boss, he is, in fact, a big, brainy, honest, conservative and able leader. No one has known him as an orator, and yet few men can face an audience and win its confidence and approval by clear statement as he can.

That he has retained the close friendship of the President through all the trying times of his administration is proof positive—in the Republican mind, at least—of his great ability, honesty and patrotism.

Cut-and-Dried Programme.

When the convention meets on Tuesday next there will be little to do but ratify the programme framed by the close friends of the administration.

They have selected Senator Walcott of Colorado for temporary chairman and Senator Lodge for permanent chairman. These selections are eminently appropriate—Wolcott from the silver West, Lodge from the gold East; both stalwart supporters of the marky and its administration. Lodge was

the Reed leader in 1896, and his selection will emphasize the fact of the unity now pre-vailing in the party. The Platform.

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The Platform.

The platform is supposably drawn. It will reaffirm all the essential planks of the St. Louis platform. The gold standard, the tariff of national prosperity, the success of the war with Spain, the actual expansion effected by the treaty with Spain, the duty of the United States to suppress insurrection and to maintain law and order in the Philippines will all be emphasized.

The only plank which may have a contest is that proposing a subsidy to American ships. All the convention will be in favor of such a declaration as was placed in the platform at St. Louis, but there is much expressed opposition to an indorsement of the subsidy bill now pending in Congress.

The platform will call attention to the fact that all anti-trust legislation so far enacted or enforced has been of Republican origin, and the party will be strongly pledged to suppress all trusts that tend to stifle or limit competition, to increase the employment or wages of labor.

This will probably be modified by the declaration that the party is not opposed to any combination of capital that is engaged in honest business enterprise and which directly results in bringing the necessities of everyday life to the masses of people at better prices than could be otherwise obtained.

The convention has cost the city of Philadelphia a subscribed donation of \$100,000. It will cost, in addition, a quarter of a million dollars, without the entertainments, for which lavish preparations have been made. But it may be worth it all, for it is a rebaptism of Republicanism in this city of its birth, and Liberty Hall will ring anew for the glorious national future under the second administration of William McKialey.

ELKING BOOM COMING.

Senator Scott Considers His Colleague the Right Man.

Philadelphia, Ps., June 16.—"Don't you think it about time to launch the Eikins vice presidential boom?" asked Senator Scott of West Virginia, of a fellow-member of the National Committee to-day, and then continued by expressing his own opinion.

"As for myself," he said, "I consider the time quite ripe, and I have wired our delegation to get an Elkins banner, string it to their car and come in with an Elkins shout. I think they will do this, and probably you will see the boom well floated when they get here to-morrow. And do you know that the convention could not do better than take my colleague in the Senate for this important place. I think he would make a strong candidate and an excellent Vice President."

WOLCOTT FOR SCOTT.

He Thinks the Californian Should Have Second Place.

RIDDICK SCHOOL

Graduation Exercises Were Held

Thursday Afternoon. Riddick public school graduates had their commencement exercises Thursday aftermoon in the kindergarten rooms. There was a programme of music and recitations. The coms were decorated with flowers of the class colors. As a parting gift Harry Hagan behalf of the class, presented the school a picture. Miss O'Neil, the principal, presented the diplomas.

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The following are the graduates:

Misses Stella Shum, May Louise Delany, Jennie Warnhoff, Helen Warnhoff, Mabel T. Elchor, Janet Newkirk, Jessie Lilly, May Dorothea Shum, Sybil O'Brien, Minnie T. Mayer, Mary Elizabeth Kerr, Mary Ward, Bessie B. Topping and Madge B. Maddox, Messra, Harry Haas, Bryant Reinhart, Walter Shroeder, Francis Reuter, Charles Wilcox and Theodore Gillespie.

DIED SUDDENLY-George H. Walker, 63 years old, dropped dead while reading a newspaper in front of his home, at No. 132 Walhut street, Friday evening. Deputy Coroner Gast held an inquest on the body yesterday, returning a verdict of death due to heart disease.

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be one of the National Committee or nothing.

The older politicians looked upon Green's contest as a huge joke, and predicted freely that when the National Committee voted, Green's 350 pounds avoirdupois "would hit the ceiling."

"The trouble with Green," said an old Texan, "is that he has money and won't give up. He will put out enough in quarters where it will boost him to a place in the Republican management, but we can't touch him when it comes to a fight against the Democrats. With his \$10,00,000 he ought to have owned the National Committee. Any other man could, and would, but Eddie Green is an overgrown boy. They have merely been having fun with him. Chaptain's Prayer.

Chaptain's Prayer.

Philadelphia, June 16.—"In this vice presidential muddle the candidates must help themselves." said Senator Thurston, musingly. "There's no use in praying for help-which reminds me of the chaptain of our army in the Mexican war. We had 5,000 men and we wanted to lick Santa Anna, who had 20,000. The chaptain looked dubious when he started his prayer before the battle, but he waxed eloquent toward the close. him.
"They looked the books over, and found Green had chipped in only \$250 to help elect McKinley. That settled it. They did not want that kind of a ten-times millionaire to hose Texas patronage." The victory of Warmouth in Louislana ends the service of Wimberiy on the National Committee. Warmouth says he will not himself accept the position, but he will name the man. With Wimberly's retirement from the committee his power in Louislana patronage will wane, and these is Allisons Expressentative Grosvenor and leiana patronage will wane, and these is s hosts.

The administration will be represented by Texas patronage."
Blocks of Five" Dudley.